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SUBJECT: EDUCATION PROBLEMS IN CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE -- CON-
VERSATION WITH CENTRAL AFRICAN DELEGATION DURING
FOURTEENTH COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF
EDUCATION (IBE)

1. EUGENE NGOAGOUNI, HEAD OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN DELEGATION TO THE RECENT IBE COUNCIL, TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT HE HAD VISITED THE U.S. ABOUT A YEAR AGO AND, UPON HIS RETURN, HAD SET UP SEVERAL PILOT "OPEN-CLASSROOM" TYPE SCHOOLS. WHEN ASKED HOW THINGS WERE GOING, HE SAID FAIRLY WELL, BUT THERE WERE PROBLEMS. WHAT HE REALLY NEEDED WAS FOR AN EXPERT IN THIS TYPE OF EDUCATION TO COME TO BANGUI, SEE THEIR SITUATION, AND GIVE THEM SOME ADVICE.

2. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO ASK FOR HELP FROM UNESCO OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES BECAUSE THINGS WOULD THEN TEND TO GET WRAPPED UP IN POLITICS, AND WHAT HE WANTED WAS HELP WITH HIS SCHOOLS. WITHOUT ANY PRODDING, HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT HE WOULD TALK TO AMBASSADOR QUANTON IN BANGUI ABOUT POSSIBLE HELP FROM THE U.S. HE NOTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN HELPFUL IN OBTAINING A GRANT FOR A HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT IN THE BANGUI SUBURBS AFTER ONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES FROM THE HEALTH MINISTRY HAD

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MADE A PITCH FOR U.S. HELP.

3. COMMENT. NGOAGOUNI WAS AN INCISIVE, ARTICULATE SPOKESMAN DURING THE IBE COUNCIL MEETINGS WHO TENDED, FOR EXAMPLE, TO GIVE A HIGHER PRIORITY TO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE ORGANIZATION THAN TO EVEN GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE JOB OF DIRECTOR. THE MODERATE STANCES HE TOOK SEEMED TO PUT HIM A

CUT ABOVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS, IN OUR
EYES AT LEAST. HE WAS SELECTED BY THE IBE COUNCIL TO CHAIR THE
COMMISSION WHICH WILL EXAMINE TRENDS AND INNOVATIONS IN EDUCA-
TION DURING THE UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION,
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